(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The term of appointment of the Chairman, ONGC was extended in the public interest

(c) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

(d) Does not arise.

Expenditure by Oil and Natural Gas Commission on advertisements, etc.

3252. SHRI T. R. BALU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the expenditure incurred by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission annually on advertisements, publicity and public relations during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether Government are aware that the ONGC has been issuing the same press notes highlighting its achievements made at different periods through different places;

(c) if so, whether Government will direct the ONGC to stop this unethical practice of repeatedly publicising the same news items; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The expenditure incurred by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) is on two broad categories; advertisements relating Recruitments and notices inviting tenders; and advertisements that are part of publicity and public relations activities. The expenditure during the last 3 years on these two broad categories is as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

	Advertisements relating to Recruitments & Invitation of tender	Casual Advertisements, Publicity and Public Relations
1985-86	121.07	42.54
1986-87	265.03	28.03
1987-88	223.72	63.26

(b) and (c) ONGC Publicity, Public Relations and press releases are made in accordance with the established policy of their Corporate Office and Government is not directly concened with these matters.

(d) Does not arise.

मध्य प्रदेश में आदिवासियों और हरिजनों के कल्याण के लिए बिजली की आपूर्ति

3253. **श्री अजीत जोगी**: क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार मध्य प्रदेश बिजली बोर्ड द्वारा मध्य प्रदेश राज्य के आदिवासियों और हरिजनों को केवल 20 रु. में एक बत्ती का कनेक्शन उपलब्ध कराने की योजना के अधीन इस योजना की कल्याणकारी प्रवृत्ति को देखते हुए घाटे की प्रतिपूर्ति करने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार मध्य प्रदेश बिजली बोर्ड को ऐसी कल्याण योजना को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए पर्याप्त वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करेगी ताकि मध्य प्रदेश के सभी आदिवासी और हरिजन इस योजना से लाभ उठा सकें; और

(ग) केन्द्रीय सरकार आदिवासी और हरिजनों को बिना किसी कठिनाई के सस्ती दरों पर बिजली की नियमित आपूर्ति सुनिश्चित करने के लिए क्या कदम उठा रही है ?